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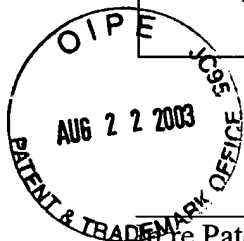
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SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER AND
COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

AMENDMENT

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 23, 2003 (Paper No. 1490) for which a response is due on September 23, 2003. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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